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TAGS: MARR, PCAT, BR
SUBJECT: DISARMAMENT -- CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFER RESTRAINT:
DEBRIEF ON US-SOVIET TALKS; GOB VIEW ON REGIONAL ARMS RESTRAINT

REF: STATE 216300

1. SUMMARY: DURING HIS PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS IN BRASILIA
WITH GOB SEPTEMBER 5 (REPORTED SEPARATELY), IO DEPUTY ASST.
SECY. BARRY BRIEFED AMBASSADOR LUIZ PAULO LINDENBERG SETTE,
HEAD OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
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DEPARTMENT, ON THIRD ROUND OF US-SOVIET CAT TALKS.
THIS WAS DONE IN CONTEXT OF REVIEWING US POSITIONS ON
AND PROGNOSIS FOR OTHER DISARMAMENT ISSUES INCLUDING
SALT, COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN, METEOROLOGICAL AND
SATELLITE WARFARE, CHEMICAL AND RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS,
AND INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE. BARRY ALSO STRESSED USG
INTEREST IN AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF REGIONAL ARMS LIM-

TATIONS ARRANGEMENTS AND INITIATIVES, INDICATING THAT HE SAW NO NECESSARY CONFLICT BETWEEN USG AND GOB VIEWS ON SUCH ISSUES. LINDENBERG SETTE FIRMLY DISAGREED. END SUMMARY.

2. LINDENBERG SETTE SAID MANY OF THE SAME POINTS HAD BEEN RAISED BY THE SOVIET DELEGATION THAT HAD VISITED BRASILIA FOR PRE-UNGA TALKS THE WEFOR (BRASILIA 6870.) HE SAID HE WOULD SAY THE SAME THINGS TO THE US DELEGATION AS HE HAD TO THE SOVIETS, STATING THAT THE SOVIET PRESENTATION HAD DIFFERED IN TONE AND ATMOSPHERICS BUT HAD BEEN ESSENTIALLY THE SAME IN SUBSTANCE. THE GOB WELCOMED THE NEWS OF PROGRESS ON SALT, AND WISHED BOTH PARTIES SUCCESS IN THEIR TALKS. LINDENBERG SETTE SAID HE SHOULD NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT ARRANGEMENTS OF THIS KIND AND SCOPE ARE SUBJECT TO RESOLUTION BY THE SUPPER POWERS AND THAT BRAZIL HAS NO ROLE WHATSOEVER TO PLAY IN THE MATTER. HE SAID IT WAS APPROPRIATE FOR THE NUCLEAR POWERS TO LIMIT THE DANGER OF NUCLEAR WAR AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE TALKS CONCERNED MATTERS THAT WERE INTENSELY COMPLICATED, BUT SAID THAT HE MUST REGISTER BRAZIL'S CONCERN THAT THE RESULTS OF THE TALKS WOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE REST OF THE WORLD ON A "TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT" BASIS.

3. WITH REGARD TO CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS, LINDENBERG
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SETTE SAID LATIN AMERICA, INCLUDING BRAZIL, IS "PARTICULARLY UNARMED" COMPARED TO OTHER WORLD REGIONS. BRAZIL, HE SAID, FEELS NAKED IN THE DEFENSE OF ITS PEOPLE, AND IS THUS "NOT AT ALL KEEN" ON REGIONAL DISARMAMENT. IF OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WANT TO ASSOCIATE IN ARMS RESTRAINT MEASURES, BRAZIL WILL NOT STAND IN THEIR WAY, BUT BRAZIL DOES NOT CONSIDER SUCH EFFORTS TO BE THE PROPER COURSE FOR IT TO TAKE AT THIS STAGE OF ITS DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE ADEQUATELY FOR THE DEFENSE OF ITS LARGE LAND, SEA AND AIR SPACES.

4. LINDENBERG SETTE SAID BRAZIL FOUND IT A BIT IRONIC TO TALK OF THIS KIND OF DISARMAMENT (I.E. REGIONAL). HE SAID THE GOB WOULD WHOLEHEARTEDLY JOIN IN SUPPORT OF NUCLEAR OR ANY OTHER GLOBAL DISARMAMENT EFFORTS, BUT THAT IT WOULD HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH REGIONAL EFFORTS. HE STRESSED THAT BRAZIL HAS NO HISTORY OF AGGRESSION, IS PLANNING NO WARS, AND FOR THESE REASONS DOES NOT SUPPORT THE RECENT MEXICAN INITIATIVE (HE DID NOT MENTION VENEZUELA) WHICH BRAZIL CONSIDERED NEITHER APPROPRIATE NOR WELL-CONCEIVED.

5. BARRY COMMENTED THAT WITH REGARD TO CAT, THE USG WAS NOT TRYING FOR CONVENTIONAL DISARMAMENT IN LATIN AMERICA OR ELSEWHERE, BUT WAS RATHER SEEKING TO AVOID THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW WEAPONS SYSTEMS THAT WOULD JEOPARDIZE REGIONS AS A WHOLE. HE THEN NOTED BRIEFLY USG SATISFACTION WITH THE RESULTS OF THE RECENT SSOD, WITH WHICH EVALUATION LINDENBERG SETTE DID NOT AGREE.

8. COMMENT: LINDENBERG SETTE'S WAS THE FRANKEST GOB EXPOSITION ON THIS ISSUE WE HAVE HEARD FOR SOME TIME. IT WAS DELIVERED FIRMLY BUT WITH HIS CUSTOMARY COURTESY AND NO EFFORT WAS MADE TO CONVINCE US OF THE MERITS OF CONFIDENTIAL

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BRAZIL'S POSITION OR TO ENLIST OUR SUPPORT FOR IT.
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